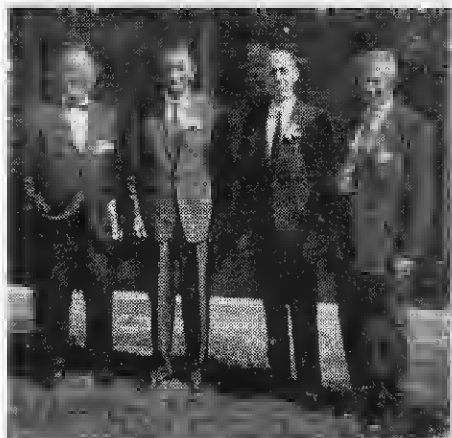


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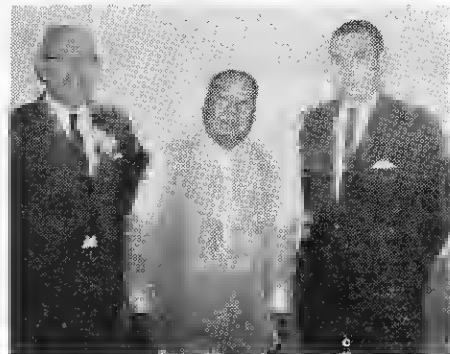
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## NORTH ALABAMA



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## KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE



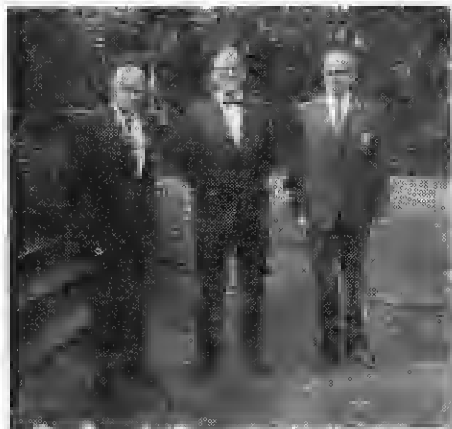
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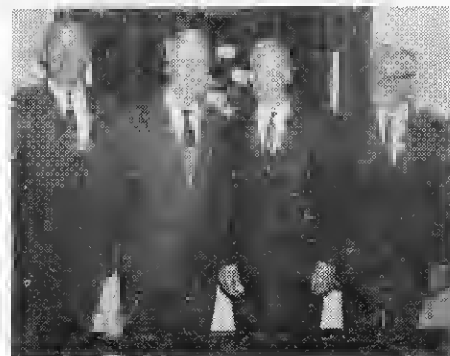
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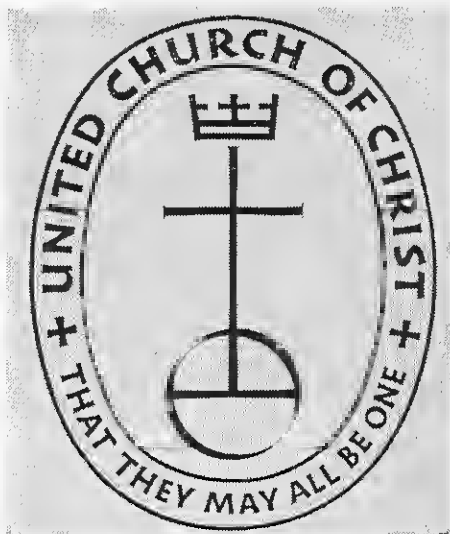
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## EAST ALABAMA



L to R: Rev. George W. Stowe, Rev. Arthur F. Christofersen (Retired United Church Board for World Ministries Missionary), Dr. A. R. Van Cleave, and H. Paul Beaird.

## United Church Of Christ Adopts Official Emblem



An official emblem for the United Church of Christ has been adopted by the denomination's Executive Council. The Device signifies the kingship of the Risen Christ over all the world.

The emblem features a cross surmounted by a crown above an orb representing the world. It is based on the traditional Christian symbol known as the Cross of Victory or the Cross Triumphant. On the perimeter is the name of the church and the text: "That they may all be one."

The cross is white on a blue background with a red crown and white lettering. The orb is divided into three parts to signify the command of the Lord to his Disciples: "You shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth."

The new-old Church of Christ began operations as a major Protestant denomination in 1961 when a constitution was adopted uniting the Evangelical and Reformed Church and the Congregational Christian churches. But its history goes back to the 17th century when the Pilgrim Fathers founded their churches in the New England wilderness. The United Church has 2,054,656 members in 6,936 churches throughout the United States.

### Church Builders Club

Remember to observe Church Builders Club Sunday in your church. Memberships should be sent to the convention office.

## The United Church Has Second Year Curriculum

Churches entering their second year with the United Church Curriculum will note a major difference of accent in the courses of study. Whereas the stress in the first year was upon the life, learning and destiny of the individual person as he seeks his own identity and is confronted with the person of Jesus Christ, the accent this second year is upon the story, pilgrimage and purpose of God's people and the place of the individual within the Christian fellowship. Among other things the Curriculum will seek to give meaning to the affirmation in our Statement of Faith, "He calls us into his church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship." Every person in every church using the Curriculum will face the opportunity to join with fellow disciples to: explore their mutual ancestry in the faith, discover God's ways of dealing with men in times past, see themselves as part of an on-going pilgrim people, join in discerning God's action in men's midst today, move forth together in a venture of faith and obedience in response to God and on behalf of all men.

Learning to be "God's Own People" is the major accent of the second-year program of the Curriculum. It offers no slick solutions nor too simple answers. But for those who will face reality, it promises a real engagement with real people facing real issues, and seeking light not alone in the present, but from the deep reaches of their spiritual past.

In the first semester the theme is "Responding to God's Love." Stress is upon the Bible, especially the Old Testament, exploring both history and message. Grades 3-8 become acquainted with certain biblical ancestors and their importance for today. Pre-school and primary children discover their own ties with the Christian community. Middle and senior highs survey the Bible for its central message and meaning, and its place in our history. Adults search Scripture to re-examine the life and organization of their churches. All will discover dimensions of common life as God's people, responding to His living Word.

Sample copies of the curriculum are available for loan from the convention office. The Audio-Visual materials and many of the books which

## Christmas Fund For The Veterans Of The Cross

For its sixty-third year The Christmas Fund makes its appeal to keep faith with the Veterans of the Cross. For the second time the appeal is made to the whole United Church and services extended to Veterans of the Cross of both communions. It is done through the Congregational Board of Ministerial Relief and the Board of Pensions and Relief of the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

The Christmas Fund cares for retired ministers and their wives and for the widows of these men. For many of these retirees, pensions based on small salaries, or rendered less in purchasing power by inflation, are inadequate in times of emergency and crisis. The Christmas Fund goes into action with Christmas checks and with a year round ministry of emergency grants.

Last year was the best in history for The Christmas Fund and therefore, this year the needs have been effectively met. The hundreds of expressions of gratitude testify to the necessity for and the effectiveness of the ministry performed.

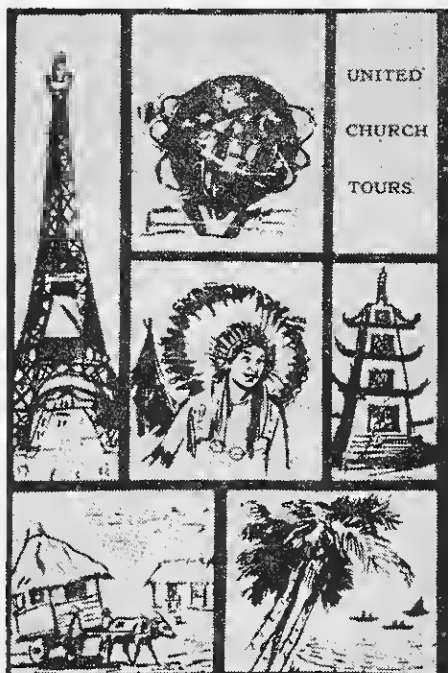
The churches of the Southeast Convention are reminded that many of the ministers and widows involved are from the convention and live in this area. They continue to need our help.

You will want to participate this year. Do it directly or through your local church. Look for the poster and for the Christmas Fund leaflet. Send contributions to The Christmas Fund, The Congregational Board of Ministerial Relief, 287 Park Avenue South, New York, N. Y., 10010; or to the Board of Pensions and Relief of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, 1505 Race Street, Philadelphia, Pa., 19102. Make checks payable to The Christmas Fund.

(Your contributions may also be sent through the Southeast Convention office.)

are suggested for supplementary resources are also available for loan from the convention office. Our Christian Education Associates continue to be available within the limits of their own busy schedules to interpret the Curriculum to local church school staffs. Requests for assistance should be made to the convention office.

## Travel With A Purpose United Church Tours



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## Superintendent's Corner

This year the pattern for the annual fall meetings of the associations and conferences was a bit different.

In the first place, instead of one guest speaker for all six of the meetings, there were four different visitors to our area.

Mr. John Blaker Herod, of the Stewardship Council, visited the South Alabama-Northwest Florida, the Central Alabama, and the North Alabama Associations.

Bishop Marciano C. Evangelista, of the United Church of the Philippines, and Rev. Carlton N. Weber, of the Urban Church Department of the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries, spoke at the joint meeting of the Kentucky-Tennessee and the Tennessee-Kentucky Conferences.

The Rev. Arthur F. Christofersen, retired missionary of the Board for World Ministries of the United Church, was the keynote speaker for the East Alabama Association and the Georgia-South Carolina Conference. (The news of the sudden death of Mr. Christofersen is reported elsewhere in the News)

In the second place, the weather did not look upon us so favorably as it did last year. I had promised Mr. Herod weather just right for swimming. We did have a dip while in Montgomery, but mostly we coped with the rains from one of the hurricanes and then experienced the first cold wave of the season. The weather varied for each of the rest of the meetings.

But the meetings were like previous years in that they were for the most part well attended and the lay people and ministers evidenced a real interest in the work of our churches.

It was a fine experience for me once

## CONFERENCE AND ASSOCIATION OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

The following officers and committee chairmen were elected or appointed by the associations and conferences at their annual fall meetings.

### North Alabama Association

Moderator: Rev. Bobby Aderholt  
Vice-Moderator: Rev. Albert L. Henry  
Scribe and Treasurer: Rev. Guy L. Colbert

Representative to Southeast Convention Board: Mr. John Heaman  
Pastor-at-Large: Rev. Guy L. Colbert  
(The chairmen of the committees will be announced at a later date.)

### Central Alabama Association

Moderator: Mr. Fred D. Powell  
Vice-Moderator: Rev. G. Graham Norris  
Secretary and Treasurer: Mrs. Jettie Logan  
Southeast Convention Board: Rev. William Fulmer

#### Committee Chairmen

Ministry and Churches: Rev. John Wilder  
Church Survey and Aid: Mrs. Fred D. Powell  
Christian Education and Youth Work: Winston Noble  
Evangelism, Stewardship & Missionary Education: Rev. Bill Traylor

### S. Ala. - N. W. Florida

Moderator: Rev. Otto L. Culpepper  
Vice-Moderator: Rev. Joseph H. Brown  
Scribe-Treasurer: Mrs. Marvin G. Brand, Jr.  
Southeast Convention Board: Rev. N. A. Long

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Christian Education and Youth Work: Mrs. Paul McCullum  
Stewardship and Missionary Education: Rev. Charlton Lentz  
Evangelism and Worship: Rev. E. H. Henry  
Ministry and Churches: Rev. N. A. Long  
Survey and Church Aid: Rev. C. H.

again to have the opportunity to be a part of these meetings.

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### East Alabama Association

Moderator: Dr. A. R. Van Cleave  
Vice-Moderator: Rev. W. Walter Hall  
Secretary: Mr. H. P. Beard  
Treasurer: Mr. Ross McCormack  
Southeast Convention Board: Mr. H. P. Beard

#### Committee Chairmen

Ministry and Churches: Rev. W. Walter Hall  
Missions and Stewardship: Rev. Charles W. Bell  
Religious Education and Youth Work: Rev. Warren Blankenhorn  
Evangelism, Worship, and Fellowship: Rev. Bill A. Hodnett

### Kentucky-Tennessee Conference

Moderator: Rev. Carolyn P. Welch  
Vice-Moderator: Dr. Stuart P. Seaton  
Secretary: Miss Elizabeth Jenkins  
Treasurer: Emerson P. Poste  
Southeast Convention Board: Rev. Arnold Slater

#### Committee Chairmen

Ministry and Churches: Rev. William Kendrick Grobel  
Survey and Church Aid: Rev. Arnold Slater  
Evangelism: Rev. Carolyn P. Welch  
Stewardship and Missionary Education: Rev. William R. Winterbottom  
Christian Social Action: Mrs. Fred R. Muhleman  
Christian Education and Youth Work: Rev. Annie R. Campbell

### Georgia - S. C. Conference

Moderator: Rev. L. Floyd Carmack  
Vice-Moderator: Rev. J. Kermit Harris  
Scribe: Mrs. Emmett Bailey  
Treasurer: Rev. Robert W. Hendrix  
Southeast Convention Board: Mr. Warren L. Smith

#### Committee Chairmen

Ministry and Churches: Rev. Frederick A. Meyer  
Evangelism, Stewardship and Missionary Education: Rev. Ralph D. Worley  
Survey and Church Aid: Rev. Wesley W. Martin  
Christian Education and Youth Work: Mrs. Edward L. Askren, Jr.

## Wife Of New Knoxville Minister Dies In Conn.

Mrs. W. Millard Stevens died of a heart attack on Saturday night, October 24, in Southington, Conn.

The Rev. Dr. W. Millard Stevens had been called from the First Congregational Church, Southington, Conn., to the First Congregational Church, Knoxville, Tenn.

Dr. and Mrs. Stevens had planned to move to Knoxville the week of October 25. They had recently purchased a new home in Knoxville in anticipation of the change.

Funeral services were held in Connecticut on Tuesday, October 27. Burial took place in Burlington, N. C., on Thursday, October 29, following services held at the Rich and Thompson Funeral Home.

Dr. Stevens is expected to arrive in Knoxville in the near future.

## Mrs. J. F. Hadden Dies At Age 89 At Doerun

Mrs. J. F. Hadden, well-known and beloved resident of Doerun, Ga., for 66 years, died at noon on Monday, October 12, at her home following an illness of several weeks. She was 89.

Born April 23, 1875, in Randolph County, Mrs. Hadden was the widow of the Rev. J. F. Hadden, who organized the New Light and Poplar Arbor Congregational Christian Churches. The Rev. Mr. Hadden died February 14, 1950.

Mrs. Hadden, the former Miss Jessie Leila Brown, married the Rev. James Franklin Hadden before the turn of the 20th Century. They had three children, all of whom survive them: Roy L. Hadden of Albany, Troy Franklin Hadden of Moultrie, and Mrs. W. H. Westberry of Doerun.

Mrs. Hadden is also survived by a sister, Mrs. Claudia Melton of Shellman; a brother, Samuel Brown of Dawson; five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

The Rev. and Mrs. Hadden moved to the vicinity of Doerun on Christmas Day 1899. In the years that followed he became a Congregational minister and organized the New Light and Poplar Arbor Churches.

In 1912 the Haddens moved from the farm they had settled to Doerun, although Mr. Hadden continued to

## Rev. William M. Fulmer Earns Doctor's Degree

The Rev. William M. Fulmer, Eclectic, Alabama, was awarded the degree of Doctor of Sociology by the University of Chicago on August 21, 1964.

Dr. Fulmer is an ordained minister of the United Church of Christ and presently serves as pastor of the Balm of Gilead Church and the Watson's Chapel Church near Wetumpka, Ala. He previously had served as interim minister of the new church in Montgomery until the permanent pastor was called.

In May of 1948 Dr. Fulmer graduated from the Elmore County High School, Eclectic, and then enrolled at Auburn University, graduating in 1952 with a Bachelor of Science Degree. He continued his studies at the graduate school of the University of Alabama, receiving the Master of Science Degree with a major in sociology.

In September of 1956 he entered the U. S. Air Force. While in the service he studied the Russian language in an intensified course for six months at the U. S. Army Language School, Presidio of Monterey, Monterey, Calif. Returning to civilian life in 1960, Fulmer decided to complete requirements for the doctoral degree.

He is a member of the Alabama Correctional Research Association, an organization with a main objective to promote research in the areas of criminology, corrections, social treatment, and crime prevention.

## Installation Service For Brookmeade Pastor

The Rev. Wendell E. Hines was installed as the minister of the Brookmeade United Church, Nashville, Tenn., on Sunday, November 1, 1964.

The Rev. Dr. Kendrick Grobel of the Vanderbilt University Divinity School and chairman of the Committee on the Ministry of the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference, presided over the services.

The Reverend Will Campbell, Executive of the Fellowship of Southern

farm until his death at the age of 81.

Funeral services were conducted at the New Light Church on Tuesday, October 13. The Rev. Scott Marris and the Rev. W. C. Carpenter officiated. Burial was in the Doerun Cemetery.

## HERE AND THERE

### Rev. Arthur F. Christofersen

News has reached the office of the Southeast Convention of the sudden death of Rev. Arthur F. Christofersen on Saturday, October 31. A former United Church missionary to Africa, Mr. Christofersen addressed the annual meetings of the Georgia-South Carolina Conference and the East Alabama Association. Mrs. Christofersen's address is: 624 Brainard Street, Naperville, Illinois. 60540.

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### MINISTERIAL CHANGES

#### The Rev. J. Kermit Harris

The Rev. J. Kermit Harris has resigned as minister of the First Congregational Christian Church, Columbus, Georgia. At the present time he has accepted a position in the business world but plans to return to the pastoral ministry in the near future.

The Rev. and Mrs. Harris and their sons continue to make their home in Columbus. Mrs. Harris is a teacher in the Columbus school system.

#### The Rev. W. M. McCullars

The Rev. William M. McCullars has submitted his resignation as pastor of the Oak Grove Church, Pine Mountain, Ga. Mr. McCullars has accepted a position with the Goodwill Industries in Columbus, Ga. Mr. and Mrs. McCullars and their family will be moving to Columbus in the near future.

#### The Rev. George W. Stowe

The Rev. George W. Stowe has submitted his resignation as pastor of the Langdale Church to accept ministerial leadership of a new United Church in Eau Gallie, Florida.

The Rev. and Mrs. Stowe and their daughters will be moving to Florida the middle of November. Both have been active in the work of the convention and the East Alabama Association and will be greatly missed from this area.

The congregation to which Rev. and Mrs. Stowe are going is brand new and represents a great challenge and opportunity for them.

Churchmen, delivered the sermon. The charge to the minister was given by Rev. Dr. Wilson Q. Welch of Fisk University and the Tennessee-Kentucky Conference. Supt. James H. Lightbourne, Jr. gave the charge to the congregation. Ecumenical greetings were brought by Rev. Tom Baker of the Tennessee Council of Churches.

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